# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

| IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL                | § | No. 12-md-2323 (AB)      |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION              | § |                          |
| INJURY LITIGATION                       | § | MDL No. 2323             |
|   | § |                          |
|   | § |                          |
|   | § |                          |
|   | § | SHORT FORM COMPLAINT     |
| THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:               | § |                          |
|   | § | IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL |
| Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long- | § | LEAGUE PLAYERS'          |
| Form Complaint and                      | § | CONCUSSION INJURY        |
| •                                       | § | LITIGATION               |
| RAFFERTY, ET AL                         | § |                          |
|   | § |                          |
| V.                                      | § |                          |
|   | § |                          |
| THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE            | § |                          |
| NO. 4:12-cv-02302                       | § |                          |
| USDC, EDPA. 2:12-cv-04741               | § | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED      |
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### **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), Robert D. Bean and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

| 4.            | [Fill in if applicable]    | Plaintiff is filing this case in a | a representative capacity  |
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| as the        | of                         | , having been                      | duly appointed as the      |
|               | By the                     | Court of                           | (Cross out                 |
| Sentence be   | elow if not applicable.)   | ) Copies of the Letters of         | Administration/Letters     |
| Testamentar   | ry for a wrongful death of | claim are annexed hereto if s      | uch Letters are required   |
| for the com   | mencement of such a c      | claim by the Probate, Surroga      | ate or other appropriate   |
| court of the  | jurisdiction of the deced  | ent.                               |                            |
| 5.            | Plaintiff, Robert          | t D. Bean                          | _ is a resident and        |
| citizen of    | Atlanta, Georgia           | and claims                         | damages as set forth       |
| below.        |                            |                                    |                            |
| 6.            | [Fill in if applicable]    | Plaintiff's spouse,                | , is a                     |
| resident and  | citizen of                 | and claims damages                 | s as a result of loss of   |
| consortium j  | proximately caused by th   | ne harm suffered by her Plaint     | tiff husband/decedent.     |
| 7.            | On information and b       | pelief, the Plaintiff (or decede   | ent) sustained repetitive, |
| traumatic su  | ub-concussive and/or co    | oncussive head impacts duri        | ing NFL games and/or       |
| practices.    | On information and be      | elief, Plaintiff suffers (or d     | ecedent suffered) from     |
| symptoms of   | of brain injury caused     | by the repetitive, traumatic       | sub-concussive and/or      |
| concussive l  | nead impacts the Plainti   | ff (or decedent) sustained du      | ring NFL games and/or      |
| practices. C  | On information and belies  | f, the Plaintiff's (or decedent'   | 's) symptoms arise from    |
| injuries that | are latent and have deve   | eloped and continue to develop     | p over time.               |

| 8. [Fill in it applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter    |
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| was filed in the USDC, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. If the case is |
| remanded, it should be remanded to the USDC, Southern District of Texas, Houston    |
| Division.   |
| 9. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:                  |
| ✓ Injury to Herself/Himself;  |
| Injury to the Person Represented;   |
| Wrongful Death;   |
| Survivorship Action;  |
| ✓ Economic Loss;  |
| Loss of Services;   |
| Loss of Consortium.   |
| 10. [Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,             |
| , Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a   |
| loss of consortium, including the following injuries:                               |
| loss of marital services;   |
| loss of companionship, affection or society;  |
| loss of support; and  |
| monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to                    |
| expend for the heath care and personal care of her husband.                         |
| 11. [Check if applicable] ✓ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable)       |
| reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.                             |

#### **DEFENDANTS**

12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:

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✓ National Football League;
✓ NFL Properties, LLC;
✓ Riddell, Inc.;
✓ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.);
✓ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
✓ EB Sports Corporation;
✓ RBG Holdings Corporation.
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- 13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ✓ design defect; ✓ informational defect; \_\_manufacturing defect.
- 14. [Check if applicable] ✓ The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable) ✓ the National Football League("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] the American Football League ("AFL") during

2000 to 2004 for the following teams: Cincinnati Bengals and Jacksonville Jaguars

|              | CAUSES OF ACTION   |
|--------------|--|
| 16.          | Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master    |
| Administrati | ve Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by |
| Reference in | those Counts [check all that apply]:                                       |
|              | ✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL);    |
|              | ✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring [Against the NFL]);                         |
|              | Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions [Against the NFL]);         |
|              | ✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment [Against the NFL]);                     |
|              | ✓ Count V (Fraud [Against the NFL]);                                       |
|              | ✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation [Against the NFL]);                |
|              | Count VII Negligence Pre-1968 Against the NFL]);                           |
|              | ✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 [Against the NFL]);                     |
|              | Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 [Against the NFL]);                         |
|              | ✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 [Against the NFL]);                        |
|              | Count XI (Loss of Consortium [Against the NFL and Riddell                  |
|              | Defendants]);  |
|              | ✓ Count XII (Negligent Hiring [Against the NFL]);                          |
|              | ✓ Count XIII (Negligent Retention [Against the NFL]);                      |
|              | ✓ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect [Against the               |
|              | Riddell Defendants]);  |
|              | Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect [Against the           |

|          | Riddell Defendants]);  |
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|          | ✓ Count XVI (Failure to Warn [Against the Riddell Defendants]);          |
|          | ✓ Count XVII (Negligence [Against the Riddell Defendants]);              |
|          | ✓ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment [Against          |
|          | the NFL Defendants]).  |
| 17.      | Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or |
| attach]: |  |
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## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable), pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and

G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

## **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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